

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the A	Application of:	
Inventor: HOBBS, Steven E. et al.		Group Art Unit: 2881
Serial No.: 10/736,154		Examiner: [not yet assigned
Filed: De	ecember 13, 2003	Attorney Docket: 133-US
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